

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Route 7, Bridge over Conrail, Bridge Superstructure Replacement Kearny Township, Hudson County Public Information Center (Pre-Construction) Thursday, March 5, 2015, 4 – 7 pm

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a **Public Information Center** to inform local residents, officials and the business community about the **superstructure replacement project of the Route 7, Bridge over Conrail in Kearny Township, Hudson County**. You are encouraged to actively participate at the meeting, mail, or e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held in the **Court Room (2nd Floor) of Kearny Town Hall, 402 Kearny Avenue, Kearny on Thursday, March 5th, 2015 from 4-7 pm**. Please come at a time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and discuss any concerns with NJDOT staff members.

Project Background

The existing bridge located on Belleville Turnpike (Route 7) is supported on reinforced concrete abutments and piers. The bridge was built in 1936 and carries two lanes of traffic with shoulders and a sidewalk. The bridge is structurally deficient due to the poor condition of the deck slab and severe rust, localized section losses and deteriorated bridge deck joints.

The Project

The bridge superstructure will be replaced in its entirety. The replacement includes deck, beams, bearings and parapets. Minor repairs to the substructure will be performed. Lighting, guide rail, sidewalk and curb will be reconstructed.

Also, incidental bridge approach work, asphalt paving, and drainage work will be performed. The new structure will be constructed within the same footprint as the existing bridge.

Traffic Control

- The bridge will be reconstructed in four (4) stages.
- The new deck and parapets are to be built in Stages 1-3. Each stage will construct one third of the bridge at a time, moving from East to West of the bridge. The remaining incidental work will be performed in Stage 4.
- The access for the local businesses between Schuyler Avenue and Newark Turnpike will be maintained at all times.
- One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained during day time hours.
- A limited number of nightly detour of traffic is planned on this project. Route 7 westbound (northbound) and southbound traffic will be detoured using Schuyler Avenue (CR 507) and Newark Turnpike (CR 508).
- The detour route will be fully signed to guide motorists.
- Alternating one-way traffic pattern at the bridge, will be allowed during overnight hours.
- Variable message signs will be placed in the area to notify motorists of the upcoming roadway closures as per stages.
- The traffic control and staging has been coordinated with nearby Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge and Skyway project that is under construction.

Estimated Construction Schedule

Begin:	Spring 2015
Substantial Completion:	Summer 2017

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